CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a complete list of claims. The claims below replace all prior versions of the claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1 – 67. Please amend claims 68 – 83. Please add new claims 84 – 86.

1 – 67.   (Canceled)

68.   (Currently Amended) A method for determining whether or not to allow a use delivery of digital content, the method comprising:

providing configurable rules based at least in part on user attributes;

defining a plurality of licenses for authorizing use of a the content item from a configurable rule that is based at least in part on a user attribute;

receiving a request for authorization to use the content; item;

determining verifying whether or not at least one of the a plurality of licenses authorizes the requested a use the of the content; item; and

providing information on how to qualify for a license, if none of the plurality of licenses authorizes the use.

69.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the user attribute s comprises the user's age.

70.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the user attribute s comprises the user's residence.

71.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the user attribute s comprises a payment method.

72.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein at least one of the plurality of licenses comprises at least one grant.

73.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the rule s comprises a Boolean-based expression. s

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74. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein determining whether or not at least one of the plurality of licenses authorizes the requested use ~~verifying~~ comprises comparing an entitlement requirement of at least one of the plurality of ~~the~~ licenses against an ~~the user~~ attributes of a user who has made the request.

75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 74, wherein determining whether or not at least one of the plurality of licenses authorizes the requested use ~~verifying~~ comprises evaluating at least one Boolean expression.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein the Boolean expression comprises at least one argument based on the ~~a~~ user attribute.

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the requested use comprises ~~is~~ playback.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the requested use ~~is~~ comprises copying to a compact disc.

79. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the requested use comprises ~~is~~ copying to a digital video disc.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the requested use comprises ~~is~~ copying to a hard-drive.

81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the requested use comprises ~~is~~ downloading to a portable player.

82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the rule is ~~s are~~ dynamically reconfigurable.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 68, wherein at least one of the plurality of licenses is ~~are~~ dynamically reconfigurable.

84. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein determining whether or not at least one of the plurality of licenses authorizes the requested use comprises determining whether or not a license grant has been obtained by a user who has made the request.

85. (New) The method of claim 68 wherein providing information on how to qualify for a license comprises providing a user attribute that would allow authorization of the requested use.

86. (New) The method of claim 68 wherein providing information on how to qualify for a license comprises providing an amount of money that, if received, would allow authorization of the requested use.